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BRIEFING MEMORANDUM  
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TO: The Acting Secretary  
THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff  
FROM EAP - Peter Tomsen, Acting *B3*  
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Commerce Secretary Brown  
Regarding His Trip to China, Thursday August 24,  
4:30 at USDOC

Setting

Commerce Secretary Brown leaves for China this Friday and arrives in Beijing on Saturday, Sept 27. He and his staff have done an excellent job of working with the interagency bureaucracy to get up to speed on China and the issues with which Secretary Brown will have to deal once he arrives in the middle kingdom. Your briefing will serve to emphasizes those themes of greatest importance outside the traditional trade and commercial advocacy arena. I suggest that you use the first half of the thirty minutes allotted to us to make a general presentation and then open the floor to questions and answers for the last fifteen minutes. I will be there to pitch in if you need me [redacted] and can stay behind in case there are questions that would take us beyond the allotted time. *B1*

Themes

This will be the first visit of a cabinet member since the President's MFN decision and the first in a series of high level visits continuing with Undersecretary Tarnoff, Defense Secretary Perry and others and culminating in a possible Presidential bilateral in Indonesia in November.

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Besides commercial objectives our agenda contains human rights, trade and non-proliferation. *[Redacted]*

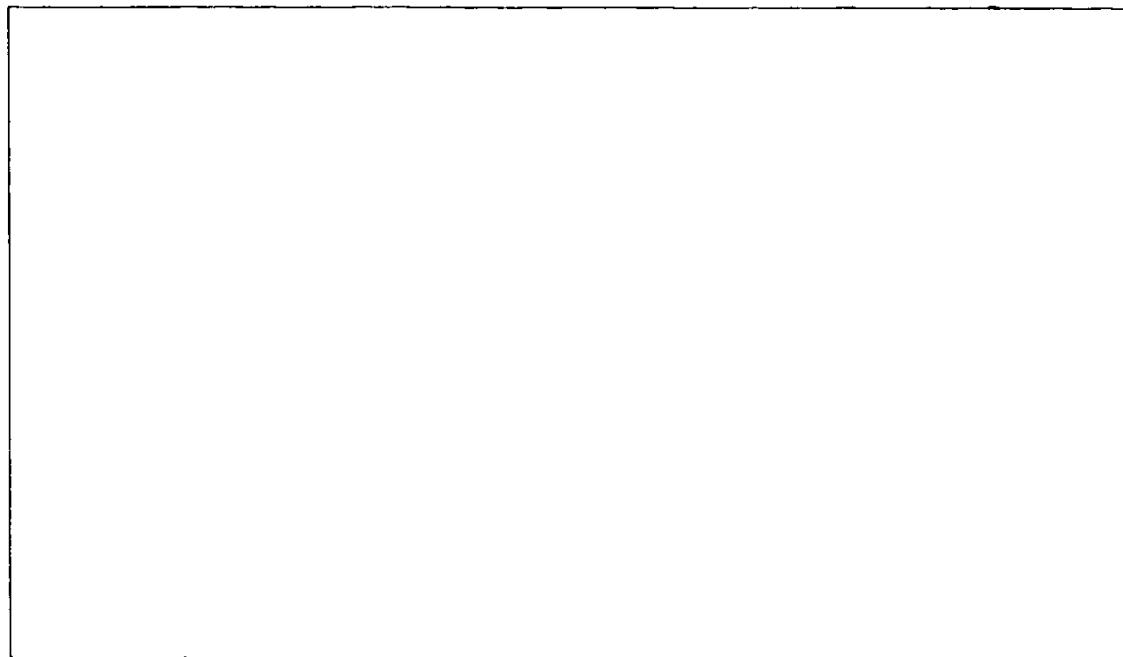
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**Background**

**Introduction:**

- o This is the first cabinet level visit following the President's delinking of human rights and extension of most favored nation treatment for China.
- o While we expect the main objectives of the mission to be trade and commerce, it presents an excellent opportunity to present a broad range of concerns to the Chinese. Foremost among these are human rights and non-proliferation.

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**Human Rights:**

- o The President's May 26 statement stressed that human rights will continue to be an important element in our bilateral relationship.

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